

# Your briefing notes for town and parish councils



Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

## **Councils call for action over national £2.2 billion council housing budget black hole ahead of Autumn Budget**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are urging the Government to act now on England's "broken council housing finances" ahead of this week's Autumn Budget announcement.

## **Pool reopening at Kingfisher Leisure Centre in Sudbury faces 'frustrating but unavoidable' delay**

A delay to the scheduled reopening of the pool at Kingfisher Leisure Centre in Sudbury following repairs has been described as "deeply frustrating but unavoidable".

## **Treating tenants with respect and combatting social housing stigma**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are amongst the first in the country to sign up to a new campaign to stop social housing stigma.

## **Councils spell out expectations of developers in Babergh and Mid Suffolk**

Councillors at Babergh and Mid Suffolk this week agreed new planning guidance to ensure local housing needs are met and future agricultural development is sensitive and sustainable.

## **Funding to put solar panels on school roofs in Suffolk has been granted**

The Suffolk Public Sector Leaders group has agreed £3.72 million of funding for a Schools Solar Installation & Climate Action Fund project.

## **Businesses celebrate as Innovation Awards winners revealed**

Businesses across Babergh and Mid Suffolk are celebrating after being named as winners at the 2024 Innovation Awards.

## **Students debate climate issues at councils' COP-style event**

As global leaders gather in Azerbaijan for COP29, almost 100 students from schools across Babergh and Mid Suffolk have taken part in their own event to tackle real-world climate change issues.

## **Councils' support for 'Wilder Communities'**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have joined forces with Suffolk Wildlife Trust, alongside neighbouring councils, to help local communities to protect and restore nature as part of new partnership initiative.